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PART-I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 23rd October, 2023

No. 13/26/86-3PP.— The Governor of Haryana is pleased to amend the following rules for providing accreditation to media persons dealing with the news at the State headquarters, district headquarters, sub-division and block level, namely :—

Short Title and Commencement	1. (1) These rules may be called the Haryana Media Accreditation (Amendment) Rules, 2023. (2) They shall come into force with immediate effect.
Definitions	2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, a) " Haryana Media Accreditation Committee " means a Committee constituted by the Haryana Government for grant of accreditation to media persons; b) " Newspaper " shall have the same meaning as defined in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867); c) " Media " shall include newspapers, news periodicals, news magazines, news agencies, electronic media agencies and publications containing news and comments on public news. d) " Weekly " and " Fortnightly " newspapers/periodicals shall not have less than 45 and 22 issues in a year respectively; e) " Director General/Director, Information Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana " means the Director General/Director, Information Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana of Haryana Government; hereinafter referred to as "DGIPRL/DIPRL". f) " Working Journalist " means any working journalist as defined in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1955(45 of 1955);

	<p>g) "Legal Correspondent" means any working journalist having a professional Law Degree from the recognized University or institution or having five years experience of news reporting on legal matters. The media person possessing Law Degree should have three years continuous experience of reporting in the print media prior to the application made for accreditation.</p> <p>h) "Contractual Journalist"(including stringer) means a media representative engaged on regular or part-time contract basis in the work of news media/ press as authorised by an Editor/News Editor/appointing authority;</p> <p>i) "Stringer/contract for service" means a news representative not in the whole time employment of any newspaper, news agency/electronic media and who is paid salary/fee by these media organisations; their main avocation may or may not be journalism.</p> <p>j) "Editor-cum-Correspondent" means editor-cum-correspondent of a weekly and fortnightly news publication;</p> <p>k) "Accreditation" means recognition to news media/press representative by the Haryana Government for the purpose of access to sources of information in the Government or in public interest and also to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the DGIPRL/DIPRL or other agencies of the Government of Haryana;</p> <p>l) "Electronic News Media Organisation (Television or Radio)" shall include any news TV/Radio channel/station or any other electronic medium of news dissemination duly recognized by Accreditation Committee. ;</p> <p>m) "Periodical Publications" shall include fortnightly or weekly publications containing public interest news or features.</p>
Haryana Media Accreditation Committee.	<p>3. (1) The Government of Haryana shall constitute a Committee called the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "HMAC") to discharge the functions laid down under these rules.</p> <p>(2) The HMAC shall consist of Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Haryana, as Chairperson; DGIPR/DIPR as Vice-Chairman and ADIPR as Member Secretary and members representing associations/organizations of working journalists/media persons who should otherwise be eligible for accreditation under these rules.</p> <p>(3) The HMAC once constituted shall function for a period of three years from the date of its first meeting or till the new committee is constituted.</p> <p>(4) The Haryana Media Accreditation Committee (HMAC) shall meet generally once in a quarter or as & when it is considered necessary. The DGIPRL or DIPRL/ADIPR shall be competent to grant accreditation on temporary basis to those applicants who apply between the intervening periods of the meetings of the committee. These cases, however, shall be put up to the HMAC for grant of regular accreditation.</p> <p>(5) The decisions of the HMAC shall be taken on the basis of majority of the members present or voting.</p> <p>(6) A executive-committee will be constituted to enlist news organizations for accreditation. The purpose of constituting this executive-committee is to analysis the status and working of news organizations before they are enlisted for accreditation in future.</p>
General Terms of Accreditation	<p>4. (1) Accreditation shall be given in accordance with these rules to news media/press representatives of various categories in different types of news- media/press organisations as per eligibility conditions laid down in Schedule-I and within the quota limit specified in Schedule-II of these rules.</p> <p>(2) Accreditation shall be granted to only those representatives, who have been appointed at State, District, Sub Divisional, block level headquarters or National Capital Territory, Delhi covering Haryana news and residing at their place of posting.</p> <p>(3) Accreditation does not confer any official or special status on the correspondent. It merely recognises and identifies him as representative of the newspaper/agency/electronic media which employs him. It must be used only for journalistic purpose. The word accredited to Haryana Government sign/emblem/logo (Government) shall not be used on visiting cards, letterheads and any other literature.</p>

	<p>(4) Accreditation of representatives of only those media organisations shall be considered which have been functioning or operating for at least one year continuously. Also the applicant should have at least one year experience in the field of journalism. HMAAC could consider the application of new organizations on case to case basis.</p> <p>(5) The circulation certificate issued by Registrar News of India or Audit Bureau of Circulation and DAVP shall be considered for grant of accreditation.</p> <p>(6) Publications should carry at least 50 per cent of its contents as news and/or comments of general public interest. It shall also include news and information relating to Haryana State.</p> <p>(7) Publications containing information of sectional interest or promotional propaganda such as house journals, technical/ professional publications etc. are not eligible for accreditation.</p> <p>(8) The organisations owned and run by cable operators providing cable television service through cable television network shall not be eligible for accreditation.</p> <p>(9) Accreditation is personal and non-transferable.</p> <p>(10) When the representative ceases to represent the newspaper /agency/electronic media for which he is accredited, his accreditation shall be deemed to be cancelled from the day he ceases to represent that organisation. However, this fact should also be brought to the notice of the DGIPRL or DIPRL/ADIPRL in writing with immediate effect by both the representative and the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Resident Editor or Appointing Authority, as the case may be and the Accreditation Card may be returned back to DGIPRL or DIPRL/ ADIPRL within 15 days.</p> <p>(11) An 'Accreditation Card' shall be issued to each accredited representative which shall be valid for various functions and press conferences. Admission to special functions including press conference, however, shall be governed by invitation.</p> <p>(12) Editors/News Editors/Resident Editor of a reputed and well - established National/Regional daily newspaper and TV channel having circulation not less than 20,000 copies per publishing day in the case of newspaper and minimum annual revenue of Rs.15 lacs from news clips and news service in the case of electronic media may also be granted accreditation.</p> <p>(13) Media person seeking accreditation under the category of veteran journalist should have attained the age of 60 years with at least 20 years experience in the field of journalism and the media person should have been accredited with the Information, Public Relations & Languages Department, Haryana for at least five years.</p> <p>(14) Media person seeking accreditation under the category of Freelance working journalists, not employed by any news media organization should have minimum 15 Years professional experience as full time working journalist/cameraman in news organization(s) and the media person should have been accredited with the Information, Public Relations & Languages Department, Haryana for at least five years.</p> <p>(15) Applicant seeking accreditation shall have to submit photo copies of Aadhaar Card and Parivar Pehchan Patra in case of resident of Haryana and non-resident of Haryana shall submit copy of Aadhar card along with PPP (temporary).</p>
Procedure for Accreditation	<p>5. (1) The media person who wishes to seek accreditation may apply in the prescribed form as given at Annexure I alongwith all requisite documents/proofs claimed, duly signed by the Editor-in- Chief/Editor/Managing Editor/Resident Editor/Editor/News Editor or appointing authority, as the case may be.</p> <p>(2) The media person based at State headquarters shall apply through his Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the appointing authority directly to Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages, Haryana while those based at District and Sub Division/block level shall apply to the concerned District Information Public Relations Officer (DIPRO) of their district.</p> <p>(3) Media person based at Delhi covering Haryana only shall apply through Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the appointing authority to the Joint/Deputy Director or the Incharge, Information, Public Relations and Languages, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi.</p>

	<p>(4) The DGIPRL/DIPRL, can call for any information and documents considered for the purpose of ensuring credibility and genuineness of cases of accreditation, at the time of accreditation or at its renewal or at any other time, if, so required.</p> <p>(5) The list of accredited mediaperson shall be reviewed normally once in a year by the DGIPRL/DIPRL, for the purpose of changes in respect of accredited mediapersons of newspapers, news agencies and electronic media.</p>
Disaccreditation	<p>6. (1) A media person shall be liable to disaccreditation if,</p> <p>(a) The media person ignores or violates the conditions on which he/she was given accreditation, accreditation will cease to exist and is also liable to be withdrawn/suspended if it is found to have been misused;</p> <p>(b) An applicant or a media organisation is found to have supplied false/ fraudulent/ forged information/ documents, the representative/ media organisation shall be deemed as debarred from accreditation up to a maximum of five years;</p> <p>(c) In case during the course of his duties, the media person behaves in an undignified or unprofessional manner, the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee shall give him an opportunity of a personal hearing before taking any decision.</p> <p>(d) In case an accredited media person is found to be associated with any political party or its office bearer, then in that case, his accreditation would be cancelled after affording an opportunity of hearing to him.</p> <p>(e) The Media person has been charged with a serious cognizable offence.</p> <p>(f) The Editor informs the Committee that the journalist has been reassigned within the organization or the news organization has closed down/or is no longer carrying 50 percent content as news. However, this fact should be brought to the notice of the DGIPRL/DIPRL or Joint Director (Press) in writing with immediate effect by both the representative and the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Resident Editor or Appointing Authority, as the case may be and the Accreditation card may be returned back to DGIPRL/DIPRL or Joint Director (Press) within 15 days failing which the period of accreditation of media person shall be treated nil from the concerned news organization.</p> <p>(g) A journalist has been censured at least twice by the Press council of India for professional misconduct.</p> <p>(2) Accreditation of media person may be suspended in the public interest at any time by the Government. The matter, along with any representation that may be received from the representative, shall be referred to the Media Accreditation Committee for advice. Government decision in the matter shall, however, be final.</p> <p>(3) The Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Languages or Chairperson of HMAC shall have the power to grant regular accreditation in cases where an accredited news media/press representative changes his organisation to another enlisted organisation.</p> <p>(4) The HMAC reserves to itself the right to recommend or reject the case to grant of accreditation. In all accreditation cases, decision of the Government shall be final.</p> <p>7. These rules shall have over riding effect on any other rules or instructions earlier issued on the subject if the same are inconsistent with the provision of these rules. The Haryana Media Accreditation (Amendment) Rules (2017) are hereby repealed.</p> <p>Note.— Accreditation is a facility not a right. Hence, it could not be challenged in any court of law.</p>

SCHEDULE- I
ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

{See rule 4(i)}

(A) News Organisations (Print Media)

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
1.	Newspapers (daily) published from Haryana, Chandigarh including Mohali	Circulation should not be less than 15,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
2.	Newspapers (daily) published from outside Haryana (in India)	Circulation should not be less than 20,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
3.	Newspapers (Daily Evening) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
4.	Newspapers Weekly published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
5.	Periodicals/magazines (weekly/fortnightly) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
6.	Periodicals/Magazines (weekly/fortnightly) published from outside Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 10,000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
7.	News agency	(a) Annual revenue not less than Rs. 20 lakh. (b) Should have at least 30 paid news subscribers.

(B) Electronic Media Representatives

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
8	Correspondents and Cameraman	Minimum one year professional experience as a full time working/contractual journalist/ cameraman in a news organisation(s).
9	Television/Radio/ News Agencies	(a) A minimum annual revenue of Rs.15 lacs from news clips/news service, etc. (b) Should supply news clips/news service to at least 5 subscribing satellite Television/ Radio organisation on regular basis.

* In case of 1 to 6 categories, proof of latest circulation issued by ABC, RNI or DAVP certificate for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.

* In case of categories 7 and 9, latest Income Tax returns, as proof of their annual revenue and proof of paid subscribers for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.

(C) News Portal/Website

Category	Conditions
(News Portal/Website)	1) The general terms of accreditation, as mentioned earlier in these rules, shall be applicable to journalists applying within this category as well. News aggregators will not be considered for accreditation. 2) The news publisher has furnished requisite information to the Information, Public Relations and Languages

	<p>Department, Haryana under Rule 18 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), Rules, 2021 and has not violated the rules.</p> <p>3) The journalists should have a minimum of two years experience of working in media organizations and should be appointed by the digital news publisher for full time news content creation.</p> <p>4) It will be the responsibility of the website/news portal owner to comply with extant rules and regulations as laid down by the Government of India- Information Technology (intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), Rules, 2021.</p> <p>5) In case the information submitted by the applicant is found to be false/incorrect in any manner, the applicant can be suspended and/or debarred from applying for accreditation for the next three years.</p> <p>6) The website/News portal should have been functioning for at least one year continuously and operating under the same name (website address). The domain name of the site/portal should also be registered for at least next two years from the date of application.</p> <p>7) The Website/News Portal should be updated regularly by uploading at least five News articles related to state of Haryana per day.</p> <p>8) The applicant shall submit the report of website's average monthly unique visitor count of last six months duly certified by the website's CAG-approved/empanelled auditors/certified by Google analytics.</p> <p>9) In any event of a website/news portal found involved in any activity perceived as cyber crime now or in future, all accreditations given to representatives of that website/news portal will be withdrawn at the discretion of the DGIPRL/DIPRL.</p> <p>10) The annual revenue of website/news portal should be minimum of Rs.20 lacs. As a proof of revenue a copy of latest ITR shall have to be given.</p>
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SCHEDULE - II

{See Rule 4(i)}

SCHEDULE OF QUOTAS FIXED FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF NEWSPAPERS/MEDIA ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.**(A) PRINT MEDIA/NEWS AGENCIES****(I) Daily Newspapers/News Agencies**

Sr. No.	Place	Correspondent	Photographer	Sports	Legal
1.	State headquarters	Three (3)	Two (2)	One (1)	One (1) (Only Daily Newspaper)
2.	District headquarters	Two (2)	One (1)		
3.	Sub Division level	One(1)	-		
4.	Block level	One(1)	-		
5.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	A total of two (2), out of which one may be a photographer.			
6.	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor + (from where newspaper published)	One(1)			

**(II) Daily Evening Newspapers and Periodicals
(weekly/ fortnightly published from Haryana)**

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent	Photographer
1.	State/District/Sub-division headquarters (where newspaper published)	One (1)	One (1)

(III) News publications (weekly/fortnightly) published from outside Haryana

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent
1.	State headquarters	One (1)

(B) ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Sr. No.	Place	TV	Radio
1.	State headquarters	Two teams	Two Correspondents
2.	District headquarters	One team	One Correspondent
3.	Sub Divisional Level	One Team	--
4.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	One team	One Correspondent
5.	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor (from where the news channel operates)		One (1)

* TV Team shall consist of one Correspondent and one Cameraman/Assistant Cameraman.

* Electronic media channels having their news programme centres in Haryana shall be granted accreditation for a total of two teams from that centre.

(C) NEWS PORTAL/WEBSITE

Sr. No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent	Cameraman/Photographer
1.	State/ District headquarters (Where news portal/website operates in Haryana)	One(1)	One(1)

Annexure – I*[See Rule 5(1)]***APPLICATION FORM FOR MEDIAPERSONS SEEKING ACCREDITATION
FORM HARYANA GOVERNMENT.**

Photo

1. Personal particulars:

- a) Full Name (in block letters) _____
- b) Father's/husband Name (in block letters) _____
- c) Date of Birth _____
- d) Experience _____
(one year experience in the field of journalism) Attach proof.
- e) Present/correspondence address _____
at place of work (attach proof).
- f) Contact Nos. (i) Mobile : _____
(ii) Landline (Resi.) _____ (Off.) _____
(iii) E-mail : _____
- g) Permanent address in full _____
(attach proof) _____

2. Brief description of news organisation from which accreditation is sought.

- a) Name of news organisation _____
- b) Date & place of publication/operates _____
- c) Periodicity _____
- d) Designation _____
- e) Place of work _____ since _____
- f) Circulation in Haryana _____
(attach proof)
- g) Circulation according to RNI/ABC/DAVP _____
(attach proof)
- h) Annual Revenue according to latest ITR _____
(attach proof)

3. Miscellaneous information

- a) Whether working for any other news organisation or doing any other job/occupation. If so give details. _____

- b) Whether convicted by any court of law on the grounds of moral turpitude _____

(Signature of the applicant)

Verification

Verified that the information provided under columns nos. 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing relevant has been concealed there from.

(Signature of the applicant)

Check list of mandatory documents to be attached by the applicant

- i) Proof of circulation (in case of news publications), proof of annual revenue turnover and paid subscribers (in case of electronic media).
- ii) Proof of district-wise circulation in Haryana.
- iii) Proof of media organisation's functioning or in operation of at least one year. In case of Website/News Portal proof of two years.
- iv) Proof of at least one year experience in journalism.
- v) Copy of Aadhaar Card and Parivar Pehchan Patra.
- vi) Six stamp size photographs.
- vii) Residence proof.

(Signature of the applicant)

NB: Applicant must ticked the documents attached by him with the application form. This would avoid delay in processing application form and granting accreditation.

ANNEXURE – II**(To be filled in by the concerned media organisation)**

Attested
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Certified that Sh./Ms. _____ is representing (Name of newspaper/news agency/electronic media) _____ with effect from _____ in the capacity of (designation) _____. His/her present place of work is _____. He bears a good moral character.

2. I recommend him/her for granting accreditation from Haryana Government so that he/she could discharge his/her professional duties efficiently.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of Editor/Managing Editor/
Editor-in-Chief/Resident Editor/News Editor/
Appointing authority of the organisation.

(with office seal)

Note: 1. If the information given above is found to be incorrect, the department reserves the right to cancel the accreditation.